

Pacific Northwest Region

Mission: Manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.

The Pacific Northwest Region includes the entire Columbia River Basin watershed in the United States. In this region, water plays a pivotal role. Beginning in 1904, Congress has authorized 39 projects throughout the region. There are 72 dams, dikes, and diversions and more than 4,700 miles of canals.

- Reclamation delivers water to 175 irrigation districts. Approximately 2.9 million acres are irrigated by Reclamation-delivered water, for an estimated annual crop value of about \$2.3 billion.
- Annual power production averages about 23.8 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity from 10 powerplants.
- Flood control benefits from 1950 to 2001 are about \$1.88 billion throughout the Pacific Northwest.
- Reclamation reservoirs receive more than 11 million recreation visitors annually. Most recreation sites are managed cooperatively with federal, state, or local partners.
- Visitor Centers at Grand Coulee Dam and Hungry Horse Dam welcome more than one-half million visitors annually.
- Reclamation manages two Job Corps sites in Washington and one in Idaho, where nearly 800 young people can complete their high school education and receive on-the-job training.
- Reclamation participates in water conservation demonstration areas to encourage and test new water conservation measures. Reclamation staff also provide assistance with the development of water conservation plans and water management education.
- AgriMet is a satellite-based network of automated agricultural weather stations dedicated to regional crop water use modeling, agricultural research, frost monitoring, and integrated pest and fertility management.
- Hydromet is a network providing near real-time water and environmental data for cost-effective, management capability.

What Lies Ahead: Water conservation and management are at the heart of the region's largest and most visible challenge: restoration of anadromous fisheries. Reclamation is committed to continuing to work with federal, regional, state, local, and private partners to meet this challenge.